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COUNTY GAME DELAYS TEAM SELECTION

BECAUSE OF the Berks and Bucks representative game against the Army at Loakes Park on Wednesday evening Wycombe Wanderers were forced to delay the announcement of their side to meet Ilford in an Isthmian League away encounter tomorrow (3 p.m.).

The Allied Counties selectors were experiencing difficulty in raising a side earlier on Wednesday owing to injuries sustained by Wycombe players Barry Baker and Keith Samuels.

Both these players missed Wycombe's 2-2 draw at Tooting the previous evening while Chesham United's Johnny Willis was injured over the week-end. Les Merrick, Wycombe's outside-left, was expected to be drafted into the Berks and Bucks team to help alleviate one of the problems.

Wanderers' game tomorrow should provide them with two points to keep up with the Isthmian leaders although they were lucky to sneak a point against lowly Tooting.

Ilford's captain Billy Smith has just received confirmation of a hefty ban slapped on him for misconduct on the field. Wycombe's last visit to Ilford, in September 1967, provided them with one of their rare away successes of the 1967-68 season.

On that occasion both John Maskell and Ian Rundle arrived late and Wycombe's winning goal came from ex-England international Paul Bates, who scored direct from a corner.

Wycombe's old foes, St. Albans City, crop up again, when on Tuesday, October 22, Wanderers travel to Clarence Park in a league meeting. Of the three meetings this season (including two cup-ties) honours have been even, with one drawn game, with each side having won one match apiece 1-0.

Supporters thinking of travelling to Clarence Park should note this game is subject to St. Albans obtaining a definite result from their F.A. Cup-tie tomorrow.

The reserves are at home tomorrow where they entertain I.C.I. of Slough in a Berks and Bucks Intermediate first round cup-tie.

Turner's in the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup (3 p.m.) when their side will be: A. Leake; B. Thorogood, D. Kelly; L. Snapes, P. Stonnell, R. Parker; W. Graysmark, P. Neal, W. Gallagher, M. Hall, K. Park. Sub.: J. Anderson.